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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

REF: AMCONUL LETTER TO T. L. STRIEGLER, 5/2/75.

1. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EXPRESSES APPRECIATION
FOR AMCONSUL'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING COPIES OF PNG WILD-
LIFE LAWS WITH REF LTR.

2. INFORMATION ABOUT DRIEBERG INVESTIGATION FORWARDED VIA
EARLIER TELEGRAM.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PNG'S INQUIRY CONCERNING IMPORTATION OF
FLY RIVER TURTLES WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD TO THE
OKLAHOMA CITY ZOO, SPECIAL AGENTS, USFWS CONDUCTED INVESTI-
GATION. THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT THE
OKLAHOMA CITY ZOO PURCHASED SEVEN (7) TURTLES FROM MR. LEON
LEOPARD, P.O. BOX 7352, WACO, TEXAS 76710, WHO DOES BUSINE-
SS AS VIVO ANIMALES, BETWEEN JUNE 13, 1972 AND NOVEMBER 16,
1972. ONE OF THESE TURTLES DIED SHORTLY AFTER

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RECEIPT BY THE ZOO. ALTHOUGH, USFWS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO

DETERMINE DEFINITELY THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THESE TURTLES
BOTH PARTIES INVOLVED STATED THE TURTLES WERE COLLECTED
IN WEST IRIAN. SCIENTIFIC SOURCES HERE INDICATE THAT THIS
IS POSSIBLE IF NOT PROBABLE. NO DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND
TO CONCLUSIVELY SUBSTANTIATE OR DISPROVE THIS CLAIM,
ALTHOUGH CORRESPONDENCE INDICATED THAT LEOPARD MADE A
COLLECTING TRIP TO PNG IN DECEMBER 1971 AND TO WEST IRIAN
IN MARCH OR APRIL 1972. THEREFORE, SINCE USFWS WAS UNABLE
TO REFUTE THE CLAIM THAT THESE TURTLES CAME FROM WEST IRIAN
NO PROSECUTION WAS POSSIBLE. COPIES OF SUBSTANTIATING
DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED ASAP. KISSINGER

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